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Applicant:	Ian Baird Smith et al.	Confirmation No. 9395
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Title:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CLOSING OFF THE OPEN END OF A CONTAINER WITH A REMOVABLE FLEXIBLE MEMBRANE COVERED BY A RIGID CAP	Examiner: Robin Annette Hylton
Docket No:	350013-000065	

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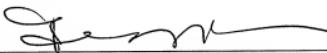
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

On May 15, 2009 the Appeal Board issued an Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner stating, among other things, that the Examiner relied on a foreign reference for which no certified translation was made of record. In order to advance the Appeal process and assist the Office, Applicant submits herewith a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. (Kokai) No. Heisei 6-219464 to Hiroshi (a certified copy of Japanese Patent Appln. No. JP 62-122962 to Sekiguchi having been previously submitted on October 5, 2009.) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner now forward the file to the Appeal Board.

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